attention on Pakistan's role in aiding and abetting terrorism in Kashmir introduced the report into the US Congressional record on Jiun$_0$ 22, 1994.

(c) Government have consistently maintained that Pakistan's support to terrorism and subversion directed against India is continuing. Pakistan ha$_s$ been training Kashmiri militants, providing them with arm$_s$ and financial support and actively assisting them to infiltrate scross the L-OC into J & K. Government have and will continue to apprise the international community of the support being extended by Pakistan $^+$o subversion and terrorism directed against India.

(d) Government have intensified surveillance and petrolling along the border/LQC to prevent infiltration, nrnent remain vigilant about fies detrimental to national se. 1 take all measures to safe-*?'*- -d it.

Indo-Pak relations

174. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFPAIPS be pleased to state:

(a) the various factors responsible for the deteriorating Indo-Pak relations;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to improve Indo-Pak relations;

(c) if so, the steps taken in that regard during the last six months; and

(d) the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TIiF MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA):

(s) Pakistan's continued support to sUfewrskm and terrorism against India.

5tf« concerted campaign t$_o$ in'.ernatjonallse K"sh$^{mlr\ issae\ and\ itn\ hostlle}$ p^oaganda directed against India in violation of the Simla Agreement cause tensions and impede good neighbourly relations between, the two countries. The incidents of harassment of Indian diplomats based in Islamabad and Karachi have further vitiated the atmosphere of bilateral relations. The restrictive visa regime for Indian nationals adopted by Pakistan has adversely affected pcople-to-people contacts between India rnd Pakistan.

(b) to (d) Government are committed to resolve all differences with Pakistan peacefully and through bilateral negotiations within the framework cF the Simla Agreement.

Pursuan to the Seventh round of India-Pakistan Foreign Secretary level talks at Islamabad from 1-3 January, 1894, Government forwarded to Pakis tan on 24 January, 1994 six Non. 'Papers >1ontcningi specific, and con structive suggestions on Siachen. Sir Creek agreement on maintenance of peace and tranquility along the LOG, Tulbal Navigation Project, ad ditional Confidence Building Measures *F*4* India-Pakistan Joint Commis sion,

On March 21, 1994 Government once again urged Pakistan to consider the Indian proposals with sincerity oi purpose as they could form the basis of a comprehensive and meaningful f-Ualoque and suggested that the Eighth Roonrt of Foreign Secretery level talks rnay be resumed either in New rwibi n" in Islamabad. Pakistan's resnon?f is awaited.

In dp .'Russia" rreenient on debt settlement

175. DR. MHRU MANOHAR JOSHI:
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

fa) -he important oojnrs discussed with Russian Government durine.